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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE TOURTELOT CLEANUP PROJECT, BENICIA, CALIFORNIA**

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), invites the public to review and comment on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the remediation of the Tourtelot Project Site in Benicia, California. DTSC, as lead agency, will hold a public meeting to discuss these draft documents and receive comments. The public meeting is scheduled for:

Date: September 25, 2001
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Location: Benicia City Hall
Phone: (707) 746-4343

Project Site Location and History: The Project Site includes the Tourtelot Property, which consists of approximately 200 acres of undeveloped grassland located in the northwest corner of the former Benicia Arsenal, north of Rose Drive and west of East 2nd Street. From 1945 to 1960, the Army conducted artillery testing, demilitarization, and demolition of damaged and obsolete munitions on the property. The Tourtelot Property is not on the most recent Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (dated April 1998). However, the proposed project is being conducted pursuant to an Imminent and/or Substantial Endangerment Determination and Remedial Action Order and the site is eligible for inclusion in future updates to this list.

Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP): The Draft RAP describes the remedial alternatives that were evaluated, identifies the recommended alternatives for the Project Site and explains the reason for selecting the recommended alternative. The remediation involves the characterization, treatment, and removal of ordnance and explosives (OE) and chemically contaminated soil at the Project Site. A Minimum Separation Area (MSA) will be enforced during OE clearance activities; residents within the MSA will need to withdraw during this time. Approximately 81,000 cubic yards of soil will be transported offsite to landfills. Soil that is cleared of OE or found not to contain OE will be scanned and placed in the North Valley of the property and covered with 14 feet of clean fill. Verification monitoring will be conducted for surface and groundwater. Areas of the site, designated to remain open space, will be subject to a land use restriction agreement.

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR): The Draft EIR, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, identifies potential significant environmental effects in the areas of aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous wastes, hydrology/water quality, land use/planning, noise, population/housing, and transportation/traffic. The Draft EIR contains mitigation measures, an analysis of project alternatives, and an analysis of growth-inducing and significant cumulative impacts from the proposed project.

Notice of Public Comment Period: DTSC will hold a 45-day public comment period on the Draft RAP and Draft EIR from September 12, 2001 to October 29, 2001. All comments will be carefully considered by DTSC prior to making the final decision on these documents. Written, oral, or email comments must be received by close of business on October 29, 2001 and should be sent to the DTSC Project Manager, Jim Austreng, at the address provided below. For more information contact:

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Information Repositories: Project and referenced documents are available for public review at the locations listed below or visit DTSC's website at www.dtsc.ca.gov. **Notice to the Hearing Impaired:** TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Roman Racca at (916) 255-6684.

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